Prime Minister's Office have not even acknowledged these registered letters;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) what positive steps, on the lines of opening a special cell in Prime Minister's Office, are proposed to be taken in dealing with such letters?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) So far, 2103 letters have been received from the general public and public servants, including MPs' and MLAs', from Himachal Pradesh, but it is not possible at this stage to determine as to how many of them were registered letters.

(b) and (c) Prime Minister's Office attempts to acknowledge all the letters/petitions received from general public which have tangible suggestions grievances and forward them to the concerned authorities for appropriate action. Out of the above, 449 letters were acknowledged and the rest were forwarded to the concerned authorities for appropriate action. Letters of purely ephmoral nature were filed. Letters from MPs/VIPs are acknowledged by the Prime Minister himself and monitored with the concerned authorities for taking appropriate action and sending a suitable reply to the MPs/VIP concerned. Action on such letters are pursued by the Monitoring Cell functioning in the Prime Minister's Office.

(d) In addition to Monitoring Cell for MPs/VIP letters, there are already four sections with adequate staff in Prime Minister's Office, exclusively to deal with letters from general public, public servants, etc.

Allocation of paper to the States

3038. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the allocation of paper to the different States, State-wise ,during the last three years and how much has been actually supplied to each State; and

(b) what are the reasons for not supplying enough paper to Rajasthan to enable it to supply text books and exercise books for the cause of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) The supply of concessional paper by Hindustan Paper Corporation to the education sector in the States/UTs including the State of Rajasthan has been behind schedule due to certain difficulties faced by the Corporation such as spurt in the cost of production and natural calamities. Government of India have in the meanwhile, allowed some increase in the level of subsidy to meet the price increase. Department of Education has also issued necessary instructions to the Corporation to put in all possible efforts to effect supplies as per allotments made by the Department of Education.

Effects of radiation from atomic power plant at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan

3039. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Sanghamitra Desai Agadekar, Director of Sampoorna Krantividyalaya, Surat (Gujarat) has demanded an enquiry into the eeffcts of radiation from the atomic power plant at Rawatbhata, near Kota, in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the effects of radiation due to Rawatbhata project;